

## LITTLE HEALD POND

Caratunk, Somerset County U.S.G.S. Dimmick Mountain, Maine (7½')

## **Fishes**

Brook trout Minnows Redbelly dace

Blacknose dace Creek chub White sucker

## **Physical Characteristics**

Area - 26 acres Temperatures:

Surface - 69°F

Maximum depth - 4 feet

3 feet - 69°F

Principal fishery: Brook trout

Little Heald Pond is located south of Moxie Mountain. The main inlet enters the western tip of the pond from Heald Pond. Another inlet enters the north side from Wee Heald Pond. The pond's outlet, Heald Stream, flows southeast into Austin Stream. The pond's shoreline is undeveloped.

Water quality in Little Heald Pond is marginal for coldwater gamefish. Water temperatures reach critically warm levels in this shallow pond. Good spawning habitat in the pond's tributaries is utilized by a native brook trout population to maintain a limited fishery, despite the unfavorable conditions. Trout growth is slow with heavy competition from other fish species. The pond is not stocked.

Little Heald Pond is accessible via a series of gravel roads north of Bingham. The pond is open to fishing with no live fish as bait in the summer and closed to fishing in the winter.

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